



November 28, 2006

Mr. Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the members of the National Taxpayers Union and the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, we write to commend your rejection of Cyren Call's proposal to reallocate a portion of the 700-MHz spectrum. We believe that the ill-conceived plan would have resulted in an unprecedented government giveaway and a significant setback for taxpayers.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 gave 24 MHz of spectrum in the 700-MHz band to public safety causes, which effectively doubled the amount of spectrum available for emergency communications systems. By providing for the public auction of other parts of the 700-MHz band, the act encourages the divestiture of excess government assets while promoting a robust, market-driven communications sector.

Cyren Call's proposal would have given away for free the additional spectrum that could bring in billions of dollars for the federal Treasury via the time-tested auction process. Past rounds of the Advanced Wireless Services spectrum auctions suggest that selling off portions of the 700-MHz spectrum could prove highly lucrative. This money could be used to decrease the budget deficit, thereby reducing the bill that taxpayers will ultimately have to settle.

We applaud your decision and stand ready to ensure that the future allocation of the spectrum serves the interests of American taxpayers and businesses alike.

Sincerely,

John Berthoud
President

Thomas Schatz
President

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